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July 31, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared and IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I represent the Ninth Senatorial District in Missouri, which includes a great portion of Kansas City's urban core. It is a privilege to serve my constituents and I always try to advance policies that will serve the many economic needs that we have.

It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering a proposed new, 4G-LTE broadband wireless network from LightSquared. This new network could be a real economic driver for my district, and other parts of the state and country, by increasing access to wireless broadband for the 26 million Americans who currently do not have it. In addition, LightSquared's network also will bring investment in the U.S. economy, creating 15,000 jobs a year during the build-out phase of their operations. Finally, as a wholesale provider, LightSquared will allow smaller wireless providers to offer affordable access and service, and enable many new competitors to enter the market. Competition brings economic development in the form of greater customer choice and lower prices.

Our country continues to suffer from the recession and the federal government could help by allowing this new network to move forward. Whatever conflicts still remain, I urge the Commission to continue working for a solution. The goal of expanded wireless broadband is too important to squander this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shalonn 'Kiki' Curls".

Shalonn "Kiki" Curls
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